

Prior law authorized the governing authority of St. Landry Parish to establish the St. Landry Parish Road District as a political subdivision of the state. Provided that the district is comprised of St. Landry Parish in its entirety and is governed by a seven-member board of commissioners appointed by the governing authority.

New law retains prior law and provides that the district shall become effective upon approval by a majority of the registered voters of St. Landry Parish.

New law provides that when the St. Landry Parish Road District becomes effective, parish road districts created pursuant to prior law shall be absorbed into the St. Landry Parish Road District and shall be subject to the provisions of new law.

New law additionally provides that the St. Landry Parish Road District shall be the successor to any district that is absorbed into the St. Landry Parish Road District. Provides that all unfinished business, records, documents, liens, monies, and property of the absorbed road districts shall be transferred to and become the responsibility and property of the St. Landry Parish Road District. Provides that any legal proceeding to which the absorbed district is a party and which is filed, initiated, or pending before any court on the effective date of abolition shall retain their effectiveness and shall be continued in the name of the district. Further provides that all obligations of the absorbed districts shall become the obligations of the St. Landry Parish Road District. Requires that any revenues assumed by the St. Landry Parish Road District be used in or for the benefit of the area comprising the former district.

Prior law authorized the board of commissioners of the St. Landry Parish Road District to levy ad valorem and sales taxes, subject to voter approval.

New law retains prior law and provides that until the St. Landry Parish Road District proposes and voters approve a parish wide tax, the St. Landry Parish Road District shall continue to levy the ad valorem and sales taxes authorized by the electorate of each former district. Requires that the revenues generated in each former district be utilized for the benefit of that former district.

New law requires the parish governing authority to create drainage districts having boundaries coterminous with the boundaries of the road districts being absorbed when the St. Landry Parish Road District becomes effective. Provides that such drainage districts shall have all the powers provided by law to construct, acquire, operate and maintain drainage facilities in their respective districts.

Prior law authorized the board of commissioners of the St. Landry Parish Road District to merge or consolidate with the parishwide road district or to exclude from the territory of the parishwide road district provided for in prior law or all of the road districts created on August 15, 1995.

New law repeals prior law.

Effective June 25, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 48:601(A); adds R.S. 48:601(E) and (F); repeals R.S. 48:601(D)(2)(c))